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SUBJECT PANAM AND FLYING TIGER FREIGHTER SERVICE FOR
MILITARY MAIL AND CARGO

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1. U.S. MILITARY MAIL AND UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE REQUIRE-
MENTS DO NOT JUSTIFY REQUEST TO GOP TO PERMIT COMMERCIAL
FREIGHTERS TO LAND AT U.S. BASES IN PHILIPPINES. WITH
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ANY TIME, DEPARTMENT AND DOD WOULD NOT WISH TO INFLAME PHIL SENSITIVITIES TO USE OF BASES BY CIVIL AIRCRAFT. SUCH A REQUEST COULD ULTIMATELY PREJUDICE MAC CHARTER OPERATIONS AT THE BASES, RESULT IN RENEWED DEMANDS BY GOP FOR CUSTOMS INSPECTION AND CONTROL BY PHIL AUTHORITIES AT THE BASES, AND INSPIRE RENEWED SUGGESTIONS FOR PHILIPPINE AIRLINE PARTICIPATION IN DOD AIRLIFT BUSINESS.

2. ALTHOUGH MILITARY MAIL IS NORMALLY TRANSPORTED BY COMMERCIAL CARRIER THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, IF NORMAL COMMERCIAL SERVICE TO A PARTICULAR AREA IS INADEQUATE MAC ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANSPORT OF MILITARY MAIL TO SUCH AREA TO EXTENT REQUIRED. SIMILARLY MAC CAN AND WILL HANDLE ANY UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE WHICH U.S. CARRIERS DON'T HANDLE. THUS, IF AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL

FREIGHTER SERVICE INTO PHILIPPINES PROVES INADEQUATE TO HANDLE U.S. MILITARY MAIL AND CARGO REQUIREMENTS, MAC STANDS READY TO PICK UP SLACK WITH RESPECT TO BOTH ITEMS. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT SINGLE OUT MILITARY MAIL AND CARGO REQUIREMENTS AS JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL CARGO FREQUENCIES FOR PANAM AND FTL INTO MIA. ROGERS

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